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Applicant(s): David G. Abdallah

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Title: REINFORCED PLY MATERIAL WITH UNTWISTED SETS OF STEEL
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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the required restriction, **election is hereby made of claims 17-24** drawn to an apparatus for making the reinforced ply material.¹ Claim 17 has been rewritten in an independent format and non-elected claims 1-16 and 24-34 have been canceled.

Respectfully submitted,²

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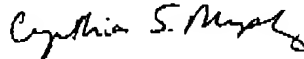
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¹This election supercedes the previous election of claims 1-15.

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